



DONT WANT FREE SEEDS

Farmers Congress Opposed to Distribution.

SEEDS ARE VALUELESS

No Objection to Seeds of Value Brought in From Foreign Countries.

FIGHT AGAINST ADDICKS

Doctor Wiley of the Agricultural Experiment Department Delinates on Boose and Plug Tobacco.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 24.—A sad blow was dealt the Congressional Free Seed Distribution by the National Farmers' Congress, a few days ago, at Rock Island, Illinois, and those Congressmen who have contended that the only reason they voted to continue the distribution of these prize packages of catnip and rhubarb seed was because the "farmers want them," will, from self respect, be compelled to abandon the plea. The Farmers' Congress was composed of a thousand delegates from all parts of the country, representing various organizations of agriculturists. Naturally free seeds came before it and several anti-free seed resolutions were presented. A special committee was appointed to consider the subject and the resolutions, and reported the following:

"Resolved: That we are opposed to the system of seed distribution as now conducted by the Federal Government, but believe in the work of exploring foreign countries for such seeds and plants as may be profitably introduced into this country, and recommend that the money expended for seed distribution as now conducted, be added to the fund for maintaining American seed and plant explorers in other countries, under direction of the United States Department of Agriculture, and the distribution of the same among the Agricultural Experiment Stations of the country for practical test."

A lively debate followed in which one speaker after another denounced the free seed distribution as a fake and a swindle. One of the most prominent speakers said it was "the biggest humbug that has been perpetrated on the American farmers for fifty years." None of the speakers had a word to say in defense of the practice, and at the conclusion of the discussion a rising vote was demanded. With a shout the thousand delegates rose and the resolution was declared unanimously adopted, amid great applause.

According to the Washington representative resolution adopted by the National Farmers Congress is the platform on which the farmers and seed dealers are united. It is also claimed to vote the opinions of the Department of Agriculture. Discussing the subject he said today:

"Secretary Wilson has carefully refrained from expressing any opinions in the free seed controversy other than in his official communications where he has frequently stated that a change should be made from the present system of indiscriminate distribution of turnip seed, and that the work should be limited to the distribution of really rare and valuable seeds. The impression that certain members of Congress intent on continuing their charge on the public purse that they may keep themselves before their constituents seeks to convey, that the seed merchants and the Department of Agriculture (Concluded on page 6)

BUNCOED AGED WOMAN.

Portland Clairvoyant Robs Poor Woman and Skips Out.

PORTLAND, Oct. 23.—Under the powerful hypnotic influence of Dr. Francis Truth, clairvoyant and palmist, Mrs. Amelia Stone informed the police this morning she was as a little child and blindly obeyed his bidding when she was told to open her trunk and give him \$185, money which she had saved by two years' grinding toil. The alleged victim of the clairvoyant is about 70 years old and was left among strangers without a cent in her pocket. Her story was so pitiful that a subscription was taken to supply her with money to procure board and lodging for a night and transportation to North Bend, where her sister lives. A warrant is out for the arrest of Dr. Truth, on the charge of larceny, but the police have learned that he left the city last Tuesday. Thus far not a clew has been obtained as to his whereabouts. The number of his victims is said to be large. George Jahour, who says he lost \$400 through the illegal financial work of the clairvoyant, accompanied the aged Mrs. Stone to the police court and assisted her in laying a complaint.

SCHOOL BLOWN DOWN.

OGDEN, Oct. 23.—The roof and north end of the industrial school were blown down by the storm Sunday, causing damage of such extent to the building that it will be necessary to rebuild it from the second story at a cost of \$2,000.

INSURANCE REVOLT

Policy Holders of York Life Insurance Cannot Agree.

DIRECTORS BALLOTTED UPON

Policy Holders Have Received Copies of Official Ballot with Instructions to Vote the Administration Ticket.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 23.—What is said to be a revolt of considerable proportions is on among the policyholders of the New York Life Insurance company. The revolt is caused by an attempt of the company to induce policyholders to vote the "Administration Ticket" of directors, prepared by the company at its head office in New York, and sent out to policyholders in all the large cities. The ballot is now being taken and when completed will be forwarded to the head office.

It is claimed that a large number of policyholders here have received copies of the official ballot with all the names scratched off with the exception of the candidates of the administration ticket. The result has created intense indignation here, and a notice has been sent out for a general mass meeting of the policyholders to protest over the actions of the home office.

DEMOCRATIC SUCCESS.

Bryan Predicts Next Congress Will Be Democratic.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—In a letter to Chairman Griggs of the Democratic National Congressional Committee, W. J. Bryan declares that the indications are that the next Congress will be Democratic and a Democratic house can send to the senate remedial issues and join issues with the Republicans if they refuse to adopt them. Bryan asserts that the Republican leaders are under the control of wealth and are attempting to block President Roosevelt's attempts at reform. He says the best way to support the President is to elect Democrats in place of Republicans for the record shows that the Democrats stood by him better in the senate and house than the Republicans have.

HAND FINAL AGREEMENT

Grainhandlers' Strike Is Still Unsettled.

ULTIMATUM IS ISSUED

Prospects for Settlement of Difficulties Appear to be Remote as Ever.

STUBBORN STAGE IN FIGHT

Efforts Will Be Made Today to Conciliate Warring Factions and Come to an Understanding.

PORTLAND, Oct. 23.—The strike differences in Portland between shippers and grain handlers is still on. In a final effort to reach an amicable agreement of the strike differences, the grainhandlers, through their attorney, Russell Sewall, have handed their agreement and ultimatum regarding the conditional unionizing of the machine men, weighers and samplers, to T. B. Wilcox, president of the Portland Flouring Mills company. It was presented at a meeting of the exporters at noon, but no final action was taken.

W. J. Burns, publicity agent of Balfour, Guthrie Co., was ignored, and it is said it was done to secure a prestige through Mr. Wilcox, who is declared to be in sympathy with the union men, and he has promised to do his utmost to win over the other exporters, and on that the union is largely basing its expectancy for a settlement. Mr. Burns stated today that they do not propose to have the weighers belong to the union, and he claims to have done his utmost to bring the strike to a termination. He stated that his company were making preparations to meet all future emergencies. Machinery has been bought and a strong company has been organized and will be incorporated immediately to do the stevedore work in port. "We have secured all the men necessary for the handling of grain shipments, as we can not afford to have vessels and cargoes lying idle."

Attorney Sewall has been designated publicity agent for the grainhandlers and longshoremen and in the future he is expected to give out information bearing on the strike. Mr. Sewall has also been retained to prosecute cases against the strikers who are caught assaulting non-union men. The union members say they feel the recent escapades on the water front have tended to hurt their fight materially and as an evidence of their determination to stamp out the practice, resolutions were passed by the longshoremen and grainhandlers today to prosecute all offenders of the two locals.

INJUNCTION GRANTED.

New York Life Company Restrained by the Court.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—The International Policy Holders' committee held a meeting today and obtained an order from Justice Bischoff requiring the New York Life Insurance company to show cause why an injunction should not be granted, restraining it from carrying on its campaign for the election of the "Administration Ticket," at the expense of the policy holders.

BASE BALL.

OAKLAND, Oct. 23.—At the game of ball today, the score was Oakland 3; Portland, 2.

CAMPAIGN THUNDER.

Case Against Boss Murphy Dismissed by Grand Jury.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—There were no political developments of interest today. The Democratic state chairman appointed a committee to push the state campaign, and Boss Murphy of Tammany called on all Tammany members to support the party nominees with loyalty and energy. The grand jury which has been investigating Murphy's recent charges that the "Independence League" were trying to "hold up" Democratic candidates, dismissed the subject as "campaign gossip."

WILL SUPPORT PARTY.

Tammany of New York Will Support the Entire Ticket.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—The executive committee of Tammany Hall decided today to support the whole Democratic ticket. Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany, delivered a speech in which he said it was expected that all members would do their utmost on election day and stated that the results would compare with the best vote of previous years.

ROBBERS CAPTURED.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 23.—Five of the men who robbed the Sawyer, North Dakota, bank last Monday of \$6,400, and who fought a battle with the officers, are reported to have been captured by a posse.

LANDING JAPANESE

Canadian Officials Arrest Thirty Japs From Schooner.

NOT ALLOWED IN DOMINION

Schooner Mary Brings Ninety-six Japanese Under a Scheme Planned in Canada and Other Provinces.

VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 23.—A scheme has been discovered by officials of the dominion government of Canada, having for its object the landing of a large number of Japanese laborers in Canada. Over thirty contraband Japanese landed in Canada by the schooner Suin Maru, have been arrested by officers of the government and will be transported, under the laws of the government. At least fifty more are believed to be at large. The captain of the Suin Maru admitted that he had ninety-six Japanese on board. The scheme was to land all of them in Canada, with more to come, but was frustrated by the Japanese agents. Other steamers or schooners with Japanese are expected to arrive daily, but the officers will be on the lookout for them, and if an attempt is made to land them, they will be immediately deported. A large number of those landed were bound for the United States.

SHOT THROUGH WINDOW.

HUGO, I. T., Oct. 23.—R. E. Short was shot through a window in his house last night in the presence of his wife and children. No cause for the shooting has been ascertained. Blood hounds today followed the trail from Short's house to the door of K. C. Adams' house, and tried to get in. Adams was formerly Short's partner in the butcher business and they disagreed over financial settlement. Adams was arrested tonight, but refused to make any statement.

JUDGE WAS BUNCOED.

TACOMA, Oct. 23.—Police Judge John W. Linck declares he has been buncoed out of \$14 by Joe Snyder, and has filed a complaint before Justice Garretson. Linck claims Snyder secured the money from him under false pretenses and wants Snyder arrested.

PRESIDENTS CABINET

Important Changes to Be Made Soon.

HEBREW GETS OFFICE

Appointment of Oscar S. Strauss Has Finally Been Decided Upon

SHAW AND MOODY RETIRE

George B. Cortelyou Will Be Appointed Secretary of the Treasury to Succeed Secretary Leslie M. Shaw.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—An important meeting of President Roosevelt's cabinet was held today, at which time discussion of cabinet changes was mentioned. Following the statement regarding prospective changes in the President's cabinet, which was made public tonight at the White House, the changes suggested and which have been agreed upon, will be as follows:

On the retirement of Secretary Shaw and Attorney General Moody, it was decided that George B. Cortelyou would be appointed secretary of the treasury, and General George Von L. Meyer will succeed him as Postmaster General. Charles J. Bonaparte will be appointed Attorney General, Victor H. Metcalf secretary of the navy, and Oscar S. Strauss secretary of Commerce and Labor.

The understanding is, and agreed upon at the cabinet meeting, that Secretary Moody will retire on January 1 and Secretary Shaw on March 4. The appointment of Mr. Strauss was a surprise to everyone, as it is the first instance where a Hebrew has been made a member of the cabinet. He is well known as a New York merchant, diplomat and author, and is considered as one of the brightest men in the state of New York. The question of nationality did not enter into the selection, the idea being to select competent men, capable of carrying out the duties incumbent upon the office and who are in accord with the administration of President Roosevelt.

WESTERN BLIZZARD.

Hopes Entertained that Storm Will Abate Today.

DENVER, Oct. 23.—Eastern Colorado which has been in the throes of a blizzard today, is still enjoying the cold weather. The weather bureau holds out hopes that clearing weather will be forthcoming tonight. Snow ceased falling here and the storm center is moving eastward. The delay on freight and passenger traffic on the railroads is about over, the principal damage being done to fruit and livestock.

CHANGE MANAGERS.

Mike Fisher of Fresno Team Loses Official Head.

FRESNO, Oct. 23.—Mike Fisher, manager of the Fresno baseball club, is slated to lose his official head. A meeting of the directors will be held tomorrow. Fisher was told three weeks ago that his services would be no longer required and was asked to resign. This he refused to do, and in consequence of which he will be dismissed tomorrow. It is probable that Charles Doyle, now captain of the Fresno team, will be chosen as manager.

SUMMARILY EXECUTED.

Revolutionists Deported from Arizona Executed.

PHOENIX, Ari., Oct. 23.—A special tour of the Republic from Tucson says that several well known citizens of that place, whose names are withheld, have returned from Nogales, where they were authoritatively informed that Salcido and several other revolutionists, recently deported from Arizona, were taken to Hermosillo and summarily executed, notwithstanding official statements to the contrary.

TEACHERS TOUR.

Five Hundred Teachers to Tour the United States.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—An elaborate tour of the United States has been planned for the 500 hundred English teachers who are to visit this country soon under the directions of Alfred Mosely, C. M. G. President Butler of Columbia and City Superintendent Maxwell have made the plans. They have divided the tourists into groups according to the different subjects to be studied. The teachers will visit those sections first where individual subjects are to be realized.

The teachers will leave England in groups of 25 and remain in this country from two weeks to three months. The first group is expected to arrive at the end of November and the last of March. Mr. Mosely who came here a week ago, will remain here until the last group has left.

ANNA HELD HELD UP

Actress Loses a Large Amount of Jewells and Money.

POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING

Two Men Follow on Train from Baltimore and Are Suspected of Stealing the Jewells, Money and Valuables.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Oct. 23.—The police are searching to discover the \$161,000 worth of jewells which Anna Held, the actress, reported to have been stolen from her on the Pennsylvania train nearly Monday morning. The gems are said to have been stolen from her stateroom while she and her husband were temporarily absent from it, having gone into the dining car for supper. The jewells were in a small hand satchel, which also contained \$6,000 in money and some valuable papers, bank books and other articles, which Miss Held claimed were valued at \$100,000.

When the case was first reported to the police they were incredulous, believing it was sort of advertising dodge, but Chief of Police Kohler says he is now convinced that the robbery was committed. Miss Held gave a description of two men whom she suspected, and who had followed her from Baltimore, and the detective agency reported that they had got the trace of one of the men at that place. No arrests have been made, but detectives believe they know who the robbers were, although it seems to be doubtful if they will be apprehended.

FAVORITISM SHOWN.

Reduced Rates Granted to Certain Preferred Shippers.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 23.—Evidence of favoritism was shown today to the managers of the Kansas City Elevator Company of the Chicago, St. Paul and Milwaukee railroad company, in the matter of granting reduced rates to shippers. At a meeting of the Kansas City board of trade tonight, members who were alleged to be in with the new deal were threatened with expulsion. The matter has created quite a sensation in shipping circles.